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CARDIN INTRODUCES MARYLANDER JIMMIE REYNA TO SENATE FOR HEARING TO BE FEDERAL CIRCUIT JUDGE

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Washington, DC – **U.S. Senator Benjamin L. Cardin (D-MD)** today returned to the Senate Judiciary Committee to introduce Marylander Jimmie V. Reyna at his confirmation hearing to be the next U.S. Circuit Judge for the Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit. Senator Cardin had recommended Reyna, a resident of Silver Spring, Maryland, to President Obama for this court vacancy.

"I was proud to recommend Jimmie Reyna to President Obama for this important court vacancy. Mr. Reyna is an outstanding trade lawyer with a compelling personal history. He was born to a modest family, and his missionary parents instilled in him a belief that all people are equal, a principle he has exemplified in his work to ensure that all people get a fair shake in our legal system.

"Mr. Reyna's exhaustive pro bono work and community service in Maryland speaks volumes about his personal desire to help make our society a better place and help those that are less fortunate. As a member of the Board of Directors for the Community Services for Autistic Adults and Children in Montgomery Village, Maryland, he has worked tirelessly to help disadvantaged Americans learn about the law and gain equal access to justice. As a former National President of the Hispanic National Bar Association, Mr. Reyna also has brought special focus to the needs of the growing Latino community.

"As a Judge, Jimmie Reyna will bring invaluable technical experience in the field of international trade law to a court that – while responsible for such adjudication – does not currently have an international trade expert among its ranks," **said Senator Cardin**. Mr. Reyna has 23 years of experience in international trade law, and is currently a partner in the Washington, DC office of Williams Mullen. He has handled matters and represented clients before the Federal Circuit, the Court of International Trade, and foreign governmental bodies. He also serves on the roster of dispute settlement panelists for trade disputes under NAFTA and the WTO. He has authored several articles and two books on international trade issues.

Mr. Reyna received a unanimous rating of well qualified from the American Bar Association's Standing Committee on the Federal Judiciary, the highest possible rating. He would bring much-needed diversity to the Federal Circuit, as the first minority and first Latino to serve on this important court.

The U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit is unique among the federal circuit courts in that it has nationwide jurisdiction in a number of subject areas, including international trade, patents, and federal employment law.

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